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The Chronicle-Union Clubs with the San Francisco Post and Sacramento Times.

Daily, \$9; Weekly, \$9 per year.

The Bee and Post are Evening Papers.

Twelve hours later news.

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## APPETIZERS.

His Opportunity Came.  
Grocer Chase lived in a little house at the rear of his store and was interrupted one morning at breakfast by the door opening and a man came in.

"We were robbed last night," Mr. Chase said. "We were robbed!"

"Robbed! robbed! you don't mean it?"

"Yes I do. Somebody entered the store last night by the front door and took every cent there was in the till."

"Great Heavens, I'm ruined! But stop! John, how much money was there in the till last night?"

"Fourteen dollars and thirty cents."

"John, go to the police office at once, and enter the report on the records that I've been robbed of \$1,200, and that my family narrowly escaped being butchered. Meanwhile, I'll do up some Lawyer Huckford's and have him draw an assignment. I've been waiting for this for years."

"All right, sir!" (Exit.)

"Maria, give me the fourteen dollars; you may keep the rest."

A Remarkable Youth.

"Have you any offspring?" inquired the severe, longhaired passenger, through his nose, of a stranger by his side.

"Oh, yes, sir," was the polite reply.

"Ah, indeed! Does he use tobacco?"

"Never touches it in any form."

"I'm glad to hear that. Tobacco is monstrously injurious. Does he indulge in riotous liquors?"

"Never tasted a drop in his life."

"Excellent! But what about nights?"

"No, sir. Never thinks of going out after supper."

"I'm very much pleased to know this, sir. Your son is a remarkable young man."

"Oh, he's not a young man. He's a two months' old baby."—(Lille.)

Pat's Way.

"Pat, how soon will a train be here again, East?"

"Station Agent at Albion—" The thrifty freight passenger in thirty minutes, but won't stop."

"Pat—Will it go slow so I can jump on?"

"Albion Station Agent—" I don't know, but it will slack down there at the crossing so you can get on."

"Pat—"What crossing?"

"Albion Station Agent—"Oh, the one about half a mile west of here."

"Pat (relieved)—"Well, if I don't get on here I will go down and meet it and get on at the bridge."

Demanded a Fair Return.

A French peasant woman suddenly exclaimed one afternoon:

"My poor little rabbits! I have forgotten to feed them. Dear little creatures!"

A Parisian who was present replied with a sarcastic smile:

"Those dear little creatures you mean to stew in onions, don't you?"

"Yes," replied the woman, with the utmost simplicity, "I feed them, and it's only fair they should feed me too."

More Confidence.

Moore: "What a queer fellow Fibber is! He just told me that he never told the truth."

(Sighs.) "Did he really tell you that?"

"He did, for a fact."

"Well, then, I have more confidence in his veracity than I had before."

Freed in Shrieked.

"Say, pa: listen! When Freedom from his mountain height unfurled her banner to the air, What do they call Freedom—her?"

"her?" queried a boy who was learning the piece to speak at a school exhibition.

"You are too young to understand. Wait till you get married, my son."

A Shrewd Domestic.

Intelligent Housemaid: "Oh, please, Miss, there was a young gentleman called when you was out. He didn't leave no card, Miss, but I can show you who he is, 'cause there are hogs of his photographs in your album." (Shoe and Leather Reporter.)

Just Her Size.

"I think I wear two's," she simpered to the shoe-maker; "do I not?"

"Yes ma'am," said the honest dealer, "you wear two's."

Then, under his breath:

"One on each foot."

Why He Didn't.

DeBagger: "I know how to manage my wife."

Bagley: "You do? Then why don't you manage her?"

DeBagger: "She won't let me."—(Philadelphia Call.)

No Proof as Yet.

The statement that cigarette smoking induces softening of the brain is purely the result of a can not be verified until people with brains to soften attempt the experiment.—(Chicago Times.)

A Return Call.

Jones (to dinner): "Ah, call again."

Dinner: "See here, I don't like the idea of calling on you so often."

Jones (serenely): "Quit natural—wait until I call on you."—(Judge.)

No Copy Wanted.

Office Boy (to editor): "There is a man out-side who says that he has a bill to present."

Editor: "Say to him that his manuscript is respectfully declined."

A Family Man.

The late Muzzapier Edin, the Emir of Bokhara, has at his death a domestic establishment that seems somewhat staggering in its proportion.

His household consisted of 7 sons, 19 daughters, 280 wives, 290 female slaves, 10 female barbers, 9 female cooks, 22 needlewomen, and 50 washerwomen.

It will be observed that the inventory does not include a single mother-in-law.

## WHAT RULES THE WORLD.

They say that a man is mighty,  
He governs land and sea,  
He wields a mighty scepter,  
O'er lesser powers that be:

But a mightier power, and stronger,  
Men from the East to the West,  
Is the hand that rules the world,  
In the hand that rules the world.

In deep, mysterious convalescence,  
Mid philosophic musing,  
Unravelling knotty problems,  
His native pheromane finds;

Yet all his "ifs" and "buts" and "maybes,"  
To heaven's four winds are buried,  
For the hand that rules the world,  
Is the hand that rules the world.

Behold a man of massive stature,  
Sandy hair, blue eyes, and a beard,  
Behold the greatest of his kind,  
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With the colors in his hand;  
Brave men there he yawned,  
When this banner is unfurled:  
The hand that rules the world.

Is the hand that rules the world.

Great statesmen govern nations,  
Kings mould a people's fate,  
But the unseen hands of fate,  
These guide the great.

The iron arm of fate is curled,  
For the hand that rules the world,  
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—[American Israelite.]

## A CONSCIENCE STILL.

"So George Burton had a bit of a cold," said Mr. Hale.

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